

TIGER NEWS

From The Principal's Desk

WELCOME BACK!!!!

We are so very excited to welcome the students back to what will prove to be the best school year ever!!!!

We have made changes in anticipation of this school year, returning to old traditions and the rekindling of Gobles Pride. Blue and Orange can be found everywhere, Eye of The Tiger can be heard blasting through the halls, and a sense of renewal, energy, and excitement can be felt in every classroom, hall, and office. Simply, the Tiger in all of us has awoken, and our Roar is loud and proud....

To our ranks we have added a few new staff members. **Mr. Chris Albrecht**, who will be teaching Science and STEM. **Mr. Nathaniel Merrell**, who will be teaching Middle School Social Studies. **Ms. Sandy Murray**, who will be teaching Spanish and World History. **Mr. Aarron VanBuren**, who will be teaching High School Weights and Conditioning. **Ms. Erica Keeley**, who will be serving as our Administrative Assistant. Finally, but not least of which, we have **Ms. Angela Dickerson**, who will be



serving as our Behavioral Interventionist. To all these new faces at Gobles, I bid a fond Welcome; your services are not only needed, they are also greatly appreciated....

You will also notice an emphasis on what we are calling our Core Values. These Core Values were gleaned from a survey that went out to the staff, students, and the community this last Spring. Armed with data generated from this survey, the Administration combed over the responses during an Administrative Retreat, synthesizing a multitude of data into five basic concepts. Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Tradition. These lessons will be taught everyday this school year along with Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Fine Arts. Simply, we want to guide our students into growing up and becoming fully functional, well educated, mentally sound, productive tax paying members of our community. To this end, we need to teach more than just the "Three R's", we need to teach our students how to think (not what to think), how to be a leader, how to interact with others (the team concept), and how to find success in any endeavor they so choose to pursue. Essentially, their future success may indeed be in our hands, but in their hands rests all our futures....

Core Values

Leadership 🐾 Integrity 🐾 Respect 🐾 Responsibility 🐾 Pride & Tradition



Mission Statement

Create a culture of deliberate excellence with equity.

Vision Statement

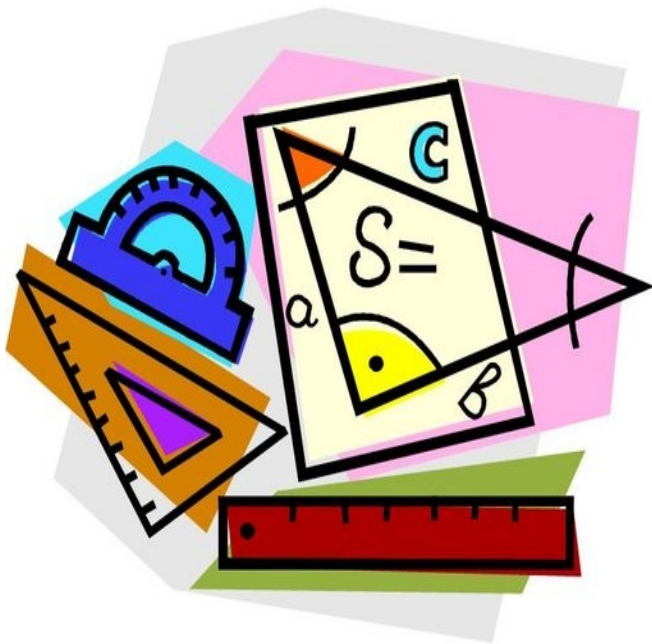
Every graduate will be future ready for personal success, college and career, and the global marketplace.



Math Department

The Gobles Middle school Cross Country team had their first meet of the season Wednesday August 31st. It was a beautiful day for the RustBuster Invitational at Camp Warner in Grand Junction and the team did an amazing job! We have several new teammates this year and they really stepped it up. Fletcher Amos finished 1st for our boys team with a time of 15:55 followed by Every Griffey with a time of 16:25. Next to cross the line was our returning 7th grader Max Sager at 17:43 followed by 7th grader Cole Ringle at 19:05 and 6th grader Titus Sager with a time of 20:41. Fabulous job boys and we are looking forward to great things this season.

Our girls made their presence known by taking the top three places out of 158 runners. Libby Smith led the pack and took 1st place with a time of 13:00 followed by Ava DeYoung at 13:30 and Lauren Shaffer at 13:31. Nice work Ladies!! All 3 of them earned a Medal and a T-shirt for their top 3 finishes. Addison Tomsic also had a great performance today with a time of 14:49, which earned her a 16th place medal. Coming in next was newcomer Taylor Cooley with a time of 18:07. Alyssa Sparks finished with a time of 19:06, which was almost 3 minutes faster than she ran here last year. With these amazing times, the ladies took home the 2nd place team trophy out of 13 teams, finishing just behind Division 2 powerhouse Otsego. Keep up this amazing work, it's going to be a fabulous season!



English Department

With the beginning of a new school year, there is plenty to share about what is new in the English department. Although all of the English staff are used to teaching English-based subjects, there have been a couple of changes to teaching assignments. We have gone back to the “6th-grade academy” schedule, now called Team G6, which means that 6th-grade students will have their core subjects taught by two teachers. **Mrs. Lisa Boyer** will be teaching English and social studies, and **Mrs. Leah Herman** will be teaching math and science. These two teachers hope to offset the 6th-grade bell schedule by five minutes, as opposed to changing classes with the rest of the middle school and high school students. This will help our youngest students to have smooth transitions between classes for most of the day.

Mrs. Loriann Harbaugh will be teaching English 7, English 8, and English 9 this year. Mrs. Harbaugh has taught at Gobles for 28 years, and the only class that has consistently stayed on her teaching schedule is English 7, so she is well-versed in 7th-grade behaviors and skill levels. English 8 is her new teaching assignment this year, but she is very much looking forward to having last year’s 7th graders back in her classroom again. “They are a fabulous class, and I cannot wait to continue growing with them as my students again,” Mrs. Harbaugh said. She also welcomes back her English 9 students. Unless new students were added to this grade as 8th graders, Mrs. Harbaugh taught the Class of 2026 as 7th graders. When asked about her new/old freshman class, she said they are “a lot of fun” and “always up for learning something new.”

The upper high school educator is **Mrs. Veronica Peterson**, who teaches English 10, English 11, English 12, and AP Language. Mrs. Peterson has spent the summer revamping some of her curricula for her classes, and she is looking forward to welcoming her new students into an exciting and energized classroom and curriculum. Mrs. Peterson is always delighted by her students and their work. Mrs. Peterson is also the high-school student council advisor. “Homecoming is near, and there is a lot to do to prepare. The year will be full of adventure,” she said.

Science Department

The Gobles MS/HS science department is excited for the new school year and looks forward to investing in your child's academic journey. The science team is made up of **Leah Herman** who has been teaching here for 27 years and teaches MS science electives; **Bob Lisowski** who has been teaching at Gobles for 22 years and is currently responsible for the biomedical sciences, AP biology, and physics; **Ezra Piller** has been teaching here for 7 years and is currently responsible for biology and chemistry; **Erin Carlin** has been here for 3 years and is currently responsible for MS Earth science, MS agriscience, and MS life science; **Chris Albrecht** is new to Gobles this year and is currently responsible for engineering and MS science electives.

Something you may not know - Gobles has two really cool science clubs to join. The Biology Club and the Robotics Club. The purpose of the Gobles Biology Club is to create student awareness of global and local environmental concerns. The highlight of the Biology Club is traveling to Gerace Research Center on San Salvador Island in the Bahamas for ten days to gain a wealth of knowledge about marine ecology and the peoples of the Bahamas. The next trip is planned for the spring break of 2024. A member of the club needs to be a junior or a senior to attend the trip. The Gobles Biology Club is open to any student in middle school and high school. If you would like your son or daughter to experience this unique trip to learn about marine ecology and gain insight to our planet's environmental concerns, this is your opportunity. If you have any questions contact the sponsor of the club, Mr. Bob Lisowski.



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The purpose of the robotics club is for students to learn how to code and write commands for robots through play. By programming and controlling robots, students will step into the world of science, acquiring knowledge and skills that will be useful and applicable beyond the classroom. We are hoping to have both a middle school and high school robotics team. If you have any questions contact the principal, Mr. Tommie Saylor.

Social Studies Department



Mr. Eichler organized a field trip last April for the 8th graders to Washington DC. It was a fun trip filled with meaningful activities. From tours of the Smithsonian Museums to a sobering walk through

Arlington National Cemetery and watching the changing of the guard the trip was a great experience. For this year's current 8th graders, Mr. Eichler is organizing a trip again, and if you are interested in going, enroll at www.Explorica.com/Eichler-3899. (By the way, the Air and Space Museum is still closed.)

Important this year only FOR 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, Mr. Kline is organizing a Gettysburg and Washington DC trip for May of 2023. It is an opportunity to experience a piece of history. If you are interested in that trip, enroll at



www.Explorica.com/Kline-2023. Don't miss out on an awesome opportunity to tour the nation's capital and Gettysburg with your friends. If you have any further questions, contact Mr. Eichler or Mr. Kline.



Fine Arts Department

Gobles is proud to have Aarron Van Buren join our staff. He comes to us from Northwestern University where he worked as a personal trainer in their recreation department. While there he also interned with their Olympic Strength and Conditioning department.

Mr. Van Buren attended the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. He graduated in 2016 with a major in Kinesiology.

In addition to Mr. Van Buren's work experience at Northwestern University he had an internship at Northern Arizona University. He also served as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for Whitnall HS Football in Greenfield, WI (south of Milwaukee.) While with the Whitnall Falcons, he helped the softball team win the 2018 D2 State Title! Van Buren also served as the Asst. Strength Coach at Newberry College.

Mr. Van Buren's classes will be structured around lifting and physical fitness. He wants all students to learn to use equipment with proper technique. His goal is to help students develop lifetime skills and healthy exercise routines. He also said that students can expect to see Foam Rollers in the Weight Room soon. They will be a great tool for warm-ups and recovery after workouts.



Mrs. Butler would like to remind you that you can visit the online high school art show at the Gobles.org website (<https://www.gobles.org/online-high-school-art-show>) The updated art show went live at the very end of the last school year. Artwork is organized by level and

older artwork is archived (dating back several years.) New art students might be interested in seeing posted projects to get an idea of what they will be doing this year.

Athletics Department

Gobles was able to get a win in its season debut on Thursday, against Marcellus. The host Tigers picked up the victory in what was a Southwest Michigan 8-man Football League Tier I game, 30-13. Gobles started the scoring with an Eli DeYoung touchdown run for an 8-0 lead. Marcellus scored to pull within 8-6, with Mason Mansfield and DeYoung scoring on runs of 44 and 8 yards in the second quarter to make it 20-6 at the half.

The Tigers also had DeYoung score on a four yard run in the second half. Eli DeYoung was five-of-six passing for 55 yards, and he also ran 38 times for 180 yards and three touchdowns. DeYoung also had an interception on defense. Connor Witt led the defense with 10 total tackles and a sack, while Xavier Wilkes tallied 7 total tackles and led the team with 3 tackles for loss.

Leadership is key, and the Gobles Cross Country team is fortunate to have a couple of excellent leaders. For the Boy's team, Gavin Hancox serves as Captain, and Samantha Paladi is the Captain of the Girl's team. With their leadership and care, the teams are poised for an excellent cross-country season. Gobles is hosting the 2nd SAC Jamboree on September 28 and will also host the Gobles Invite on October 22, 2022.

The Varsity cross country teams competed at the Bridgman Invite on Wednesday, August 24, and both teams finished 9th of the 18 schools present. Zoie Wood set a PR with a time of 26:05, and Mina Buchkowski opened her season by completing her first 5k in Cross Country and ran a great race on Wednesday, August 31. On the Boy's side, Nolan Van Horn completed his first 5k at Bridgman as well and had continued to make great progress through the season.

This year we are excited to have a Varsity sideline cheerleading team! The girls have been working hard to perfect their cheers, skills, and stunts. I am very proud of our veteran cheerleaders that have helped our first time cheerleaders learn the ropes of the sport. Our team is excited to bring spirit and pride to our Gobles athletic events.



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- 2-SEP: No School, Labor Day Break
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- 7-SEP: 6th Grade Open House hosted by Ms. Boyer and Ms. Herman, 6:00pm to 7:00pm, in Middle/High School building, rooms 505 and 508.
- 12-SEP: Board of Education Meeting, starting at 6:00pm, Middle/High School library.
- 14-SEP: Early Release, Half-Day of School, Middle/High school students dismissed at 11:00am. No lunch services.
- 21-SEP: Senior Parent Night, meeting to talk about graduation, graduation requirements, and the Senior Year.
- 29-SEP: Middle/High School Picture Make-Up Day, last chance to get your school picture taken.



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